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The "disturbing element" to which we refer is the deposed music teacher, who after years of connection with the institution in various capacities was truthlessly removed without any apparent cause, except for the reason of a long-since-forgotten episode, rekindled and employed as an excuse for her dismissal by a designing, unscrupulous superintendent and members of the Board of Education.

When we state it was the work of the Board of Education we do not reflect upon the one or more of that body whose honor and respectability would not permit them to be drawn among the cohesive members who stood for the removal of the member of the faculty to whom we refer. As far back as the history of the public school in Paris dates, and with all credit to preceding Boards, it is the first time on record where personal enmity, for which the unfortunate victim was not responsible, where tactics of this character have been employed.

The matter has caused considerable indignation among the people of Paris, principally patrons of the school, whose children felt the influence of this worthy preceptress, and whose removal without any plausible reason other than that she was a "disturbing element" was accomplished alone by the superintendent, who has assumed control of all the affairs of the institution that belongs to the people, by leading certain members of the Board of Education around by the nose. It has been our good fortune to become acquainted with the motive designed for the removal of this teacher, and it is known to many others. The dirty, slimy nature of its concoction is a simple problem to solve, even by the most incompressible, and we feel that the public will concur with us in the opinion that the true "disturbing element" destined to corrupt the institution was left untouched by the narrow-sighted members of the Board who cast their votes for another teacher in this department the last session of the body.

The public school, we take it, is a place of learning. It is not to be dominated by an individual or a body who would use it as a cloak to conceal the nakedness of their perfidy; a place of learning for the rich and the poor—for the children of the tax-payer, and for those who are less fortunate. In recent years it has been regarded in a different light—that of belonging to only a few, who were elected to serve the will of the people, not to be influenced by one or more who might center their efforts in this body to settle their grievance. More recently instead of a place of learning and instruction it has become a place of amusement, so to speak, and we might add that, in the absence of other means of entertainment, it has been converted into a dance hall, at the whims of the heads higher up, to satisfy the desire of the pupils for diversions, instead of efforts along plans and ideas of a higher and more benefitting nature. We believe the public will bear with us in the statement that the latest action of the Board of Education, together with the manner in which the affairs of the school have been conducted recently, are a little beyond the measure of endurance. There is a solution, and we are thankful the time is not far distant for the people who sometimes believe in fairness to exercise their right of suffrage in selecting a Board of Education which will go to the real seat of the trouble, eliminate the real cause for the future benefit of the school, and not to be influenced to lend their vote in low and underhand schemes, which, if permitted to continue, will bring to ruin an institution of which the people should feel proud—far-reaching in all branches of public education—justly deserved by the people of Paris.

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